

**CLAIMS**

I claim:

1. A device for applying a substance, for example to the skin of a person, the device comprising:
  - a container having an open end and a closed end;
  - a barrier positioned proximate said open end of the container for preventing the substance from escaping said container;
  - an applicator head having a delivery means, said applicator head communicating with said container for removably attaching the applicator head to the open end of said container, said applicator head including a passageway for delivering the liquid from the container to the delivery means; and
  - means associated with said applicator head for opening said barrier after said applicator head is attached to the container by manipulating said applicator head with respect to the container.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein said delivery means is an absorbent pad.
3. The device of claim 2 wherein said absorbent pad is made of foam.

4. The device of claim 1 wherein said delivery means is a hydrophillic absorbent material.
5. The device of claim 1 wherein said delivery means is made of terry cloth.
6. The device of claim 1 wherein said barrier is a foil liner.
7. The device of claim 1 wherein said means for opening is a projection having a piercing element.
8. The device of claim 7 wherein said barrier is a plug able to be penetrated by said piercing element.
9. The device of claim 8 wherein said plug is made of a plastic material.
10. The device of claim 1 wherein said container is sized to deliver a single dosage of said substance.
11. The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is topical medicament for applying to a

section of skin.

12. The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is topical antiseptic for sterilizing a section of skin.

13. The device of claim 12 wherein said topical antiseptic is alcohol.

14. The device of claim 1 wherein said container is pre-filled with a pre-measured substance.

15. The device of claim 1 wherein said device is sold and/or delivered in a tamper-proof packaging.

16. The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is a viscous solution.

17. The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is a powder.

18. An applicator device for dispensing a liquid substance, the device comprising:  
a container for storing the liquid substance, the container having an open end for allowing

the filling thereof with the liquid substance;

a barrier over said open end of the container for sealing in the liquid substance;

an applicator head having a cotton pad at a first end, a means for communicating with the open end of the container at a second end, and a tubular section for connecting the pad to the open end of the container;

wherein the tubular section doubles as a handle for allowing a user to grasp and manipulate the applicator head;

means on both the applicator head and the container for securing the applicator head to the container and, at an appropriate time, to manipulate the applicator head in a specific manner in order to open the barrier, thereby releasing the liquid solution into the tubular section and allowing the liquid solution to be absorbed by the pad.